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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

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On 1 April 1952 Mr. George Spangler of the Department of Justice, former legal attache and chief of the War Claims Office of the American Legation in Bucharest from 1947 to 1950, stated: "Despite the articles of the February 1947 treaty of peace with Rumania, no American national or corporation ever collected a single lei from the Rumanian government or Russian Armistice Commission representatives for American corporations and equipment that were confiscated by either the Rumanians or the Russians."

On 1 April 1952 Mr. Benedict English, Assistant Legal Adviser in charge of International Claims for the Department of State, said, "I know of not a single payment of any kind made by the Rumanian government to any American corporation or individual whose property was taken over since the end of hostilities. In relation to the large amount of oil which the Russians took and on which an evaluation was placed at the Moscow Convention, we have been unable to get any satisfaction from the Rumanian government on this account for amounts owed to Americans. They have merely rejected all our notes on the Subject and have stated that we are meddling in internal affairs."

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